



MONROE THIS WEEK

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GREETINGS FROM MAYOR THOMAS

Hello! Thank you for reading Monroe This Week. Learn what is happening and has happened during the week. If you have any suggestions, questions, or comments for "Monroe This Week" or the articles included, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I can be reached at gthomas@monroewa.gov.

Thank you!

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas



MAYOR HAPPENINGS

Congratulations Chief Jolley

At the Tuesday, December 4, 2018 City Council meeting, Monroe Police Chief Jeffrey Jolley was sworn in by the Honorable Judge Mara Rozzano. He will be a great addition to the Monroe community and I look forward to working with him.



#FINISH522

On Thursday, December 6, 2018, I facilitated the second meeting of the #Finish522 Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is made up of State, County, and local elected officials including State Senator Wagoner, Representative Eslick, newly elected Representative Robert Sutherland, Monroe School Board Chair Darcy Chessman, Fire Commissioner Randy Woolery, Sultan Mayor John Seehuus, and Sultan Councilmember Russell Wiita. The Committee reviewed the #Finish522

Facebook page and draft website www.finish522.com. City staff and our consultant team also presented the outline of a 90-second video describing the environmental, social, and safety impacts of congestion on SR522. We will need all these "tools" when we head to Olympia in early February to share the video and print materials with State Legislators outside of our region. The goal is to secure funding for design and construction in the 2019-2021 State biennial budget. (*#Finish522 continued on next page*)

Mayor

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Jason Gamble, Mayor Pro Tem

Patsy Cudaback

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

12/08	Swing Into Christmas, Monroe Community Senior Center, 1-3PM, \$15
12/11	Finance/HR Committee Meeting, Council Conference Room, 5:30PM Board & Commission Recognition Event, City Hall, Council Chambers/Lobby, 6:30PM Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM
12/14	"A Joyful Christmas" Concert, Wagner Performing Arts Center, 7-9PM

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City of Monroe Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'17 to 11/30/17: \$4,768,454

'18 to 11/30/18: \$4,768,121

DOWN \$333 or -0.01%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'17 to 11/30/17: \$1,451,475

'18 to 11/30/18: \$1,221,579

DOWN \$229,896 or -15.83%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'17 to 11/30/17: \$76,455

'18 to 11/30/18: \$80,371

UP \$3,916 or 5.12%

Business License Fees

'17 to 11/30/17: \$45,759

'18 to 11/30/18: \$45,855

UP \$96 or 0.20%

Building Permit Revenues

'17 to 11/30/17: \$591,020

'18 to 11/30/18: \$679,230

UP \$88,210 or 14.92%

Planning Fee Revenues

'17 to 11/30/17: \$40,516

'18 to 11/30/18: \$37,885

DOWN \$2,631 or 6.49%

SFR Permits YTD

'17 to 11/30/17: 133

'18 to 11/30/18: 168

Multi-Family Permits (#units)

'17 to 11/30/17: 24

'18 to 11/30/18: 0

Inspections YTD

'17 to 11/30/17: 2,825

'18 to 11/30/18: 2,216

While the Executive Committee is able to keep our message to #Finish522 front-and-center at home, we need your help to get the message out to State Legislators in Olympia. You can help by visiting our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/finish522 and signing the on-line petition asking the legislature to prioritize the completion of SR522 including the Paradise Lake Road interchange and widening the three-mile bottle neck. You can also sport a #Finish522 window cling or lapel pin, which are available for free at Monroe City Hall, Sultan City Hall, and participating businesses like Monroe Fireplace. Finally, save the date for the next #Finish522 Community Meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2019, at 6:30pm at Monroe City Hall.

MPD Honors Four Individuals



At the Tuesday, December 4, 2018, City Council meeting, four individuals were recognized with life-saving awards. Chief Jolley presented three out of the four awards at the Council meeting. These individuals were recognized for their life saving efforts in providing CPR to a patient until Fire and Police arrived. Thank you for your efforts David Hunter, Jacob Sheppard, Daniel

Benecke, and Marcus Hart. Your response made a difference in saving a life!

CITY HAPPENINGS

Donate a Living Christmas tree to your local parks!

If you purchase a living Christmas tree in a container, and you don't intend to plant it on your own property, you may donate it to our local Monroe city parks so that everyone can enjoy it for years to come. Call the Parks & Recreation office at (360) 863-4559 for information on how to donate your potted living Christmas tree.

You may find suitable living Christmas trees for sale at the following local area businesses:

- Fred Meyer - 18805 St Route 2, Monroe, WA, 98272; 360-805-1996
- Pine Creek Farms and Nursery - 23225 Sofie Rd, Monroe, WA 98272; 360-863-8866
- Falling Water Gardens - 17516 WA-203, Monroe, WA 98272; 360-863-1400

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 7 p.m., Monroe City Council Regular Business includes a Board & Commission Appointments/Re-Appointments, Audit Exit Conference, Grant Agreements, Contracts, Resolutions, Ordinances, 2019 Council Meeting Schedule & Council Appointments, and Department Reports. For more information and the Council agenda, click [here](#).

City of Monroe Boards & Commissions Openings

- Civil Services Commissioner
- Ethics Boardmember (4)
- LTAC Member (Hotelier)
- Park Boardmember
- Planning Commissioner
- Salary Commissioner

www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

- Lateral Police Officer

www.monroewa.gov/jobs

Have a question for your Councilmembers?
Contact them at councilmembers@monroewa.gov!!



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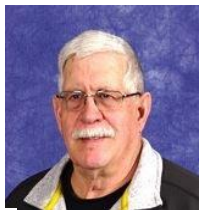
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